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In re the application of: Rosana Kapeller-Libermann, *et al.*

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And Uses Thereof*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the title appearing at pages 1 and 93 with the following title:

56919, A NOVEL HUMAN ACYLTRANSFERASE AND USES THEREOF

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1A-E depicts the nucleotide sequence of the human ACTR-1 cDNA and the corresponding amino acid sequence. The nucleotide sequence corresponds to nucleic acids 1 to 3003 of SEQ ID NO:1. The amino acid sequence corresponds to amino acids 828 of SEQ ID NO:2. The coding region without the 5' or 3' untranslated regions of the human ACTR-1 gene is shown in SEQ ID NO:3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 3A-B depicts the results of a search which was performed against the HMM database and which resulted in the identification of an “acyltransferase domain” in the human ACTR-1 protein (SEQ ID NO:2).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 4A-H depicts the results of a search which was performed against the ProDom database and which resulted in the local alignment of the human ACTR-1 protein with acyltransferase proteins.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 7A-D is a graph depicting the relative expression of ATCR-1 in various human tissues as determined by a TaqMan® Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction analysis.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 8A-D is a graph depicting the relative expression of ATCR-1 in various human tissues as determined by a TaqMan® Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction analysis.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 9A-B is a graph depicting the relative expression of ATCR-1 various liver, heart and adipose tissues as determined by a TaqMan® Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction analysis.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification such that the "Brief Description of the Drawings" accurately describes the panels of the Formal Drawings submitted herewith. Appendix A sets forth a "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**". Applicants have also amended the title. *No new matter has been added.*

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APPENDIX A
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The title appearing at pages 1 and 93 has been replaced with the following title:
[ATCR-1] 56919, A NOVEL HUMAN ACYLTRANSFERASE AND USES THEREOF

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure [1A-C] 1A-E depicts the nucleotide sequence of the human ACTR-1 cDNA and the corresponding amino acid sequence. The nucleotide sequence corresponds to nucleic acids 1 to 3003 of SEQ ID NO:1. The amino acid sequence corresponds to amino acids 828 of SEQ ID NO:2. The coding region without the 5' or 3' untranslated regions of the human ACTR-1 gene is shown in SEQ ID NO:3.

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The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 32, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure [4A-G] 4A-H depicts the results of a search which was performed against the ProDom database and which resulted in the local alignment of the human ACTR-1 protein with acyltransferase proteins.

The paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure [7] 7A-D is a graph depicting the relative expression of ATCR-1 in various human tissues as determined by a TaqMan® Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction analysis.

The paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure [8] 8A-D is a graph depicting the relative expression of ATCR-1 in various human tissues as determined by a TaqMan® Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction analysis.

The paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure [9] 9A-B is a graph depicting the relative expression of ATCR-1 various liver, heart and adipose tissues as determined by a TaqMan® Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction analysis.